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# Encantado wins first Five Diamond hotel rating

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The [Encantado resort](#) near Santa Fe has landed a Five Diamond rating from AAA, the first property in New Mexico to do so.

The travel organization added a total of 16 properties to the list, for a total of 113 hotels and 52 restaurants. The overall number of Five Diamond award winners grew to 165 establishments for 2010, compared to 162 in 2009. Some properties were dropped from the top list from last year, said Heather Hunter, spokeswoman for AAA. No restaurants were added to the list this year

and seven were removed (six closed their doors).

Properties that earn this top rating from AAA make up just .28 percent of all the Diamond-rated lodgings and restaurants in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Encantado, an Auberge resort, opened in 2008. It joins the ranks of other Five Diamond properties such as [The Broadmoor](#) in Colorado Springs, the [American Club](#) in Kohler, Wis., [The Plaza Hotel](#) in New York and several [Ritz-Carlton](#) properties.

AAA's inspectors evaluate and rate more than 58,000 lodgings and restaurant and assign a rating of one to five diamonds. A [complete list](#) of Five Diamond properties is available online.

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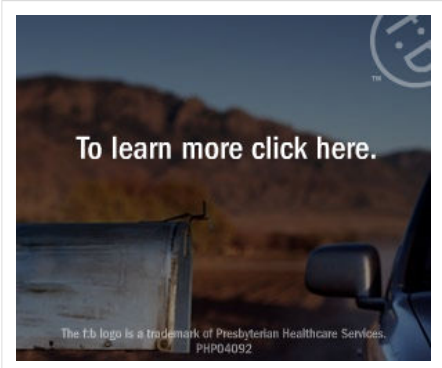
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